HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING JANUARY 8, 2002

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Lancaster called the Board of Corrections meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT – Present for the meeting were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Lonnie Logan. Also present were Corrections Director Dave Arnold and Assistant Director Todd Wink.

Jeffries made a motion to go into a Board of Corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT – Corrections Director Dave Arnold reported that the number of females that are being held are usually at 10% but now they have 15%. During the Christmas holiday they usually see a drop in the number of inmates but it did not drop at all. They are at 144 inmates and only 6 are INS. He expressed concern that the numbers may be at 170 to 180 this summer. The number of INS may depend on the orders from President Bush. The Hall County jail does not have room for any INS. The board questioned if the new jails that are being constructed across the state might affect the INS inmates in Hall County but INS likes to use Grand Island because we are centrally located. Jeffries stated that Cass County is building a new jail and they hope to hold federal inmates for the U. S. Marshals. Arnold stated that the daily average is at 132 and the female average is at 10 to 12 inmates, which is higher. Of the 619 inmates booked there were a total of 1200 charges. He reviewed the other statistics in the report. Arnold stated that he has been working with Senator Aguilar on the new legislation that they hope will address the problem of the inmate medical expenses.

He reported that there will be training in Kearney February 27 through March 1 he and Jerry Janulewicz will be attending. He asked if a board member would be interested in attending and Scott Arnold stated he would like to attend.

Arnold stated that he hired two people and he had one female officer quit and he will need to do interviews again. He will need to have a board member appointed to serve on the interview team.

He has been working on the request for proposal for the medical services and is reviewing the federal standards and the medical standards from the state. He hopes to have the request for proposal in two weeks. Right now the contract is on a month to month basis. He now has the nurses do the medications and they also have an audit on the medications.

Arnold stated that now they cannot have mattress on the floor so they are using "boats" as temporary bunks. He also expressed concern on the bullpen. It is designed for eight beds and they run into problems on the weekends, especially when they have females.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL – Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:18 a.m. executive session

11:24 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of the board of corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:25 a.m. returned to regular session.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk